



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(s): Gilchrist, et al.  
SERIAL NO.: 10/623,970 ART UNIT:  
FILING DATE: 7/21/03 EXAMINER:  
TITLE: SUBSTRATE LOADING AND UNLOADING STATION WITH  
BUFFER  
ATTORNEY  
DOCKET NO.: 390-011009-US (I01)

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
(37 C.F.R. §1.97(b))

Sir:

The following information is being disclosed to the Patent and Trademark Office as information that may be material to the examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicants'

Attorney is aware of the following patents:

4,674,939  
4,676,709  
4,758,127  
4,895,486  
4,917,556  
4,995,430  
5,139,459  
5,291,923  
5,387,265  
5,418,382  
5,431,600  
5,509,772


5,540,098  
5,551,830  
5,570,990  
5,605,428  
5,772,386  
5,788,447  
5,857,848  
5,980,183  
6,012,894  
6,071,059  
EPO 452939  
EPO 574893  
FR 2696429  
JP 1291442  
JP 1310686  
JP 269955  
JP 3261161  
JP 4206547  
JP 4302454  
JP 4360545  
JP 4505234  
JP 479347  
JP 485813  
JP 5338728  
JP 6151266  
JP 6211311  
JP 62258881  
JP 6302679  
JP 632449

Enclosed is a form PTO-1449 listing the art cited in the parent patent application no. 10/200,818. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d) copies of the cited art are not enclosed. These can be obtained from the file of the parent patent application.

The filing of this Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made regarding the claimed invention (37 C.F.R. §1.97(g)) or that no other possible material information exists. In addition, the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability (37 C.F.R. §1.97(h)).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 16-1350.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Joseph V. Gamberdell  
Reg. No. 44,695

September 25, 2003  
Date

PERMAN & GREEN, LLP  
425 Post Road  
Fairfield, CT 06824  
Customer No. 2512

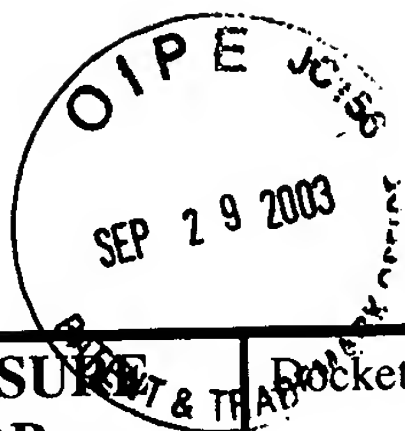
#### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date indicated below as first class mail in an envelope address to the Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: 9/25/03

Signature:   
Person Making Deposit

<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION FORM FOR P E PATENT APPLICATION (FORM PTO-1449) (Substitute)</b>			Docket No.: 390-011009-US (I01) Applicant(s): Gilchrist, et al. Filing Date: 7/21/03		Serial No.: 10/623,970 Group:	
<b>U.S. PATENTS</b>						
Initials	Patent Number	Issue Date	Name	Class	Sub-class	Filing date
	4,674,939	6/23/87	Maney et al.	414	292	7/30/84
	4,676,709	6/30/87	Bonora et al.	414	217	8/26/85
	4,758,127	7/19/88	Imai et al.	414	411	7/28/86
	4,995,430	2/26/91	Bonora et al.	141	98	5/19/89
	5,139,459	8/18/92	Takahashi et al.	454	187	2/28/91
	5,291,923	3/8/94	Gallagher et al.	141	98	9/24/92
	5,418,382	5/23/95	Blackwood et al.	250	561	9/23/93
	5,431,600	7/11/95	Murata et al.	454	187	10/6/93
	5,509,772	4/23/96	Doche	414	217	10/6/93
	5,540,098	7/30/96	Ohsawa	73	629	2/16/94
<b>U.S. PATENT PUBLICATIONS</b>						
Initials	Publication No.	Pub. Date	Name	Class	Sub-class	Filing Date
<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>						
Initials	Document Number	Date	Country	Name	Translation? Yes/No/n/a	
	EPO 574893	12/22/93	Europe			
	FR 2696429	4/8/94	France			
	EPO 452939	10/23/91	Europe			
	JP 269955	3/8/90	Japan			
	JP 4206547	7/28/92	Japan			
	JP 479347	3/12/92	Japan			
	JP 485813	3/18/92	Japan			
<b>OTHER DOCUMENTS (Title, Author, Date, Pages, Etc., if known)</b>						
Examiner's Signature:				Date Considered:		
Initial if reference was considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP. Mark through citation if not considered. Include a copy of this citation form with your next correspondence to the Applicant(s).						

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
CITATION FORM FOR  
PATENT APPLICATION  
(FORM PTO-1449)  
(Substitute)**

Docket No.: 390-011009-US (I01)

Serial No.: 10/623,970

Applicant(s): Gilchrist, et al.

Filing Date: 7/21/03

Group:

**U.S. PATENTS**

Initials	Patent Number	Issue Date	Name	Class	Sub-class	Filing date
	5,605,428	2/25/97	Birkner et al.	414	331	3/3/93
	5,772,386	6/30/98	Mages et al.	414	411	3/14/96
	4,895,486	1/23/90	Baker et al.	414	331	5/15/87
	4,917,556	4/17/90	Stark et al.	414	217	5/26/89
	5,387,265	2/7/95	Kakizaki et al.	29	25.01	10/26/92
	5,551,830	9/3/96	Watanabe et al.	414	786	6/29/94
	5,570,990	11/5/96	Bonora et al.	414	543	11/5/93
	5,788,447	8/4/98	Yonemitsu et al.	414	217	8/5/96
	5,857,848	1/12/99	Takahashi et al.	432	253	9/10/97
	5,980,183	11/9/99	Fosnight	414	222.01	4/14/97

**U.S. PATENT PUBLICATIONS**

Initials	Publication No.	Pub. Date	Name	Class	Sub-class	Filing Date

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

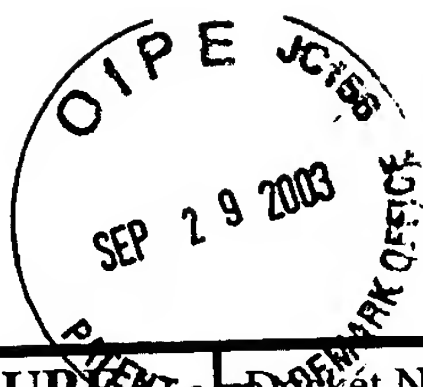
Initials	Document Number	Date	Country	Name	Translation? Yes/No/n/a
	JP 5338728	5/93	Japan		
	JP 4360545	4/92	Japan		
	JP 4302454	10/26/92	Japan		
	JP 1291442	11/24/89	Japan		
	JP 3261161	11/21/91	Japan		
	JP 6211311	6/94	Japan		
	JP 632449	2/94	Japan		

**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Title, Author, Date, Pages, Etc., if known)**


Examiner's Signature:

Date Considered:

Initial if reference was considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP. Mark through citation if not considered.  
Include a copy of this citation form with your next correspondence to the Applicant(s).

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
CITATION FORM FOR  
PATENT APPLICATION  
(FORM PTO-1449)  
(Substitute)**

Docket No.: 390-011009-US (I01)

Serial No.: 10,623,970

Applicant(s): Gilchrist, et al.

Filing Date: 7/21/03

Group:

**U.S. PATENTS**

Initials	Patent Number	Issue Date	Name	Class	Sub-class	Filing date
	6,012,894	1/11/00	Watanabe et al.	414	806	5/30/96
	6,071,059	6/6/00	Mages et al.	414	411	1/5/98

**U.S. PATENT PUBLICATIONS**

Initials	Publication No.	Pub. Date	Name	Class	Sub-class	Filing Date

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Initials	Document Number	Date	Country	Name	Translation? Yes/No/n/a
	JP 6151266	5/94	Japan		
	JP 4505234	9/92	Japan		
	JP 6302679	10/94	Japan		
	JP 1310686	12/89	Japan		
	JP 62258881	11/87	Japan		

**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Title, Author, Date, Pages, Etc., if known)**


Examiner's Signature:

Date Considered:

Initial if reference was considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP. Mark through citation if not considered.  
Include a copy of this citation form with your next correspondence to the Applicant(s).

Customer No.: 2512